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In re application of: Joseph A. Zupanick  
Serial No. 10/761,629  
Filing Date: January 20, 2004  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING  
SUBTERRANEAN DEPOSITS FROM THE SURFACE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility continuation patent application entitled "Method and System for Accessing Subterranean Deposits From the Surface" by Joseph A. Zupanick, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Under the "Related Applications" section of the application, please amend the paragraph starting at Page 1, line 1 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/256,412 filed September 26, 2002 by Joseph A. Zupanick and entitled "Method and System for Accessing Subterranean Deposits From the Surface" which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial